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## Congressman Walsh Dedicates New Aircraft Shelters



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*Want to quit SMOKIING?*



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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

## *Change, again*

For those of you who have been reading the monthly Commander's Comments, you most likely have noticed a common theme that seems to appear time and time again. This month's comments return to that topic one more time, and that topic is change.

As most of you are probably aware, Colonel Homer suffered a heart attack early in January. While he is feeling better and recovering well, his condition prevents him from being able to participate fully in his capacity as the Logistics Group commander in this critical time between now and the ORI retake in April. Accordingly, I have made the difficult decision to replace Col Homer, and effective Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, LtCol Kim Hunter is moved to the position of Commander of the Logistics Group. The command of the Operations Group is detailed to the 138<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron Commander, LtCol Kevin Bradley, who has generously agreed to participate in an interim full time capacity until after the ORI. Following the ORI the OG position will be advertised for perma-

nent selection. Col Homer will be missed. I don't presume to list his accomplishments on behalf of the 174<sup>th</sup> over the years, but the Wing is where it is today in large part to his efforts. Thanks, Bob.

I'd like to close with a thought from the January ORE. As I explained to a meeting of commanders and supervisors following the exercise, the weekend was 'Okay'. While that might sound good, the reality is that 'okay' isn't okay. We made too many careless mistakes, repeated problems from the September ORI, and in general didn't work together as teams. If we cannot substantially improve our performance in April over our performance in September, we will appear to be unable to fix our mistakes despite the time and effort expended to correct them; in other words, 'Satisfactory' performance in April will be viewed as a failure. We can and we must strive to achieve an "Excellent" or better in all areas.

Make this drill count; two more until the ORI!



COL. ROBERT A. KNAUFF,  
174th FW, Wing Commander



### 174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



#### Vision Statement

**Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals empowered to meet all challengers, and win. We accept nothing less.**

#### Mission Statement

**Provide combat ready personnel, aircraft, and equipment prepared for world wide deployment. To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations; and to support civil authorities at the direction of the governor.**

#### Key Results Area

**Readiness: Equipment-Training-People  
Effective use of People and Resources  
Environmental and Compliance Awareness**

# A New Year Message from the NYANG Chief of Staff

*By Maj. Gen. Archie J. Berberian II, Chief of Staff, NYANG*

This past October was one of my most traveled months since taking the helm of the New York Air National Guard five years ago. During the month, I deployed with the 106<sup>th</sup> to observe a space shuttle support mission in Florida, observed a Boy Scout Camporee in Schenectady (which was organized and run largely by New York Guardsmen), attended the Air Force Accident Investigation Board President's Course in New Mexico, went to a NYARNG retirement luncheon, attended the 106<sup>th</sup>'s 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Suffolk, visited old friends in the Catskills, and returned to Suffolk for the burial of Lt Col Tony Cristiano, the 106<sup>th</sup>'s community manager.

During the shuttle mission briefing and presentation on the new international space station, I couldn't help but reflect on the importance of teamwork to what we do. While the 106<sup>th</sup> was scheduled to be orbiting at a downrange location prepared for any contingency, other rescue teams would, at the same moment, be poised around the world ready in the event their locations came into play. What a wonderful mission for the 106<sup>th</sup> and the New York Air National Guard and what a great example of the importance of each part of an organization contributing to the success of the whole.

Keeping with this concept of the importance of individual components of an organization, consider the accomplishments of NYANG units in 2000: The 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, this past year once again deployed worldwide, largely in support of Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployments. As the Air Force's premier strategic airlift wing, you can bet that if America's forces have to be flown to the fight that it is probable that the 105<sup>th</sup> will get them there.

The 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing spent the better part of the year in the limelight as the "Perfect Storm" heroes. From Iceland and the European Theater to the icy waters of the North Atlantic and the seas

off of Cape Canaveral, the men and women of the 106<sup>th</sup> have become universally recognized as the Guard search and rescue experts.

The 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing came out of a standardization and evaluation inspection in extraordinary fashion, attesting to their capability and high level of readiness. As I reflect on the upcoming holiday season, I can't help but think of the members of the 107<sup>th</sup> and their



Maj. Gen. Archie J. Berberian II,  
Chief of Staff, NYANG

families who will be gone throughout the holiday season to support peace-keeping operations in the Balkans.

The 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing stepped back into their role as the Air Force's only unit in both Antarctica and Greenland, providing all ski-equipped airlift to the worldwide scientific community at both ends of the earth. Like the 107<sup>th</sup>, the 109<sup>th</sup> will have a significant deployed contingent gone throughout December. This is not an isolated incident. Since the start of the Antarctic program, the 109<sup>th</sup> has been deployed each year during the holidays. What a tremendous commitment these people and families have made.

The 152<sup>nd</sup> Air Control Group has been performing in an outstanding fashion as air battle managers in support of the

Commander in Chief of European Theater Operations (CINCEUR). They have become so indispensable, particularly during contingency operations in the Balkans, that the 152<sup>nd</sup> Commander Col Tom Webster and his unit were singled out by the CINC for their excellent performance in 2000 during the recent Air National Guard Senior Leader's Conference.

In the desert, the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing continued their unparalleled performance in AEF's, patrolling both the northern and southern no-fly zones. Isn't it ironic that this unit should still be providing their unparalleled service a full nine years after the unit's crews began their first sorties as part of Desert Shield and Desert Storm?

Air sovereignty in North America was ensured through the ongoing work of the Northeast Air Defense Sector. This unit never takes a break; 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, NEADS operators are at their scopes helping to defend America's skies.

Finally, the 213<sup>th</sup> Engineering and Installation Squadron and the 274<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron will complete their move to Newburgh and Syracuse from Roslyn. A chapter in their histories will conclude, representing decades of unparalleled service as engineering installation and combat communications units that now will become a linchpin to combined operations between Army and Air, particularly on AEFs. A new chapter will begin for them as they transition to new roles and I want to commend these units for their mission performance and their professionalism.

Several weeks ago, I sat in the airport after the funeral of Tony Cristiano. What a wonderful and moving ceremony it was. As I sat at the funeral listening to others pay tribute to Tony's

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# The Goal of Operational Security

By Capt. Christopher McDonald, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Intelligence OIC

The goal of Operational Security (OPSEC), as a "countermeasures" program, is to deny an adversary pieces of the intelligence puzzle.

There is nothing new about the principles underlying OPSEC. In fact, we can trace OPSEC practices back to the colonial days and the Revolutionary War. George Washington, our first president, was a known OPSEC practitioner. General Washington was quoted as saying, "Even minutiae should have a place in our collection, for things of a seemingly trifling nature, when enjoined with others of a more serious cast, may lead to a valuable conclusion."

However, OPSEC as a methodology originated during the Vietnam conflict when a small group of individuals were assigned the mission of finding out how the enemy was obtaining advance information on certain combat operations in Southeast Asia. This team was established by the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, and given the code name "PURPLE DRAGON."

It became apparent to the team that al-

though traditional security and intelligence countermeasures programs existed, reliance solely upon them was insufficient to deny critical information to the enemy--especially information and indicators relating to intentions and capabilities. The group conceived and developed the methodology of analyzing

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U.S. operations from an adversarial viewpoint to find out how the information was obtained.

The team then recommended corrective actions to local commanders. They were successful in what they did, and to name what they had done, they coined the term "operations security."

## OPSEC and Government Activities



Over the years it became increasingly apparent that OPSEC had uses in virtually every government program that needed to protect information to ensure program effectiveness. OPSEC professionals modified and improved techniques based on experience gained with many different organizations and in areas far afield from military combat operations.

Today, OPSEC is as equally applicable to an administrative or research and development activity as it is to a combat operation. If OPSEC is not integrated into sensitive and classified activities, chances are that our adversaries will acquire significant information about our capabilities and limitations.

It probably would have been difficult for the "Purple Dragon" team to foresee that, 20 years later, the methodology they developed would become a national program.

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memory, I couldn't help but think about the significance of a single person's accomplishments and the passage of time. The Galaxy youth program at the 106<sup>th</sup> will stand as a living memory to this fine officer. We are all here and in service for such a short while.

This thought came to me, again, while visiting my friends in the Catskills. As I stood on their deck looking at an impenetrably dark night sky, I thought about the role of the 106<sup>th</sup> in the creation of the new space station and how vulnerable we, as individuals, are. I also thought about what a small part we each play in this vast universe. This is not the first time this thought

came to me. I can still remember as a youth searching the cosmos for Sputnik and, as I scanned the heavens, wondering how many before me had looked up and considered their role in infinity.

It is all such a miracle and I am grateful to our Supreme Being for the chance he has given me and gives me each day. I am also grateful for the opportunity I have to be part of a dynamic world that depends, for its very existence, on the interrelationships that exist between all of us, regardless of our race, religion, culture, gender or ethnicity.

This being said, it is vital that each of us starts into the next twelve months committed to respecting and protecting

those closest to us: our families, our friends, and those with whom we serve. As I close, I wish to thank you all for your infinite accomplishments of the past year. Because of the foundation you have helped lay in 2000, the year ahead looks bright and full of promise.

On behalf of the headquarters staff and my wife Linda, I wish you all a happy New Year, one full of love, comfort and health. I also ask that you keep those deployed or away from their homes at this time of year in your prayers and thoughts. I look forward to serving with you in 2001.



# May we never forget!

## (A Veterans Day Speech)

*By Maj. Michael "Snack" Wells, 274th Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS), Commander*

It is both a great privilege and an honor to speak at a Veteran's day ceremony, since the very reason for this day of remembrance is near and dear to my heart. This is the greatest country on earth and it is worthy of our protection, sacrifice, and giving our very lives if that is what's required.

I would like to publicly acknowledge four friends that have died serving this nation. Josh Levin – F-16 pilot who died in a crash during a training exercise in the Philippines; Don Roberts – A-10 pilot who died in a crash during a tactical training mission in England; Ricky Bean, B1B pilot who died in a B1B crash in Colorado; and Bob Howlett – A-10 pilot who died in Korea after the hoist cable broke during a helicopter rescue exercise.

I first need to explain to you why this day is a matter that is near to my heart. My grandfather was a flight engineer in B-17s during World War II. He was shot down twice and returned back into friendly hands both times. He evaded capture by hiding in barns and eating rats to survive. He shared with me the stories of aircraft coming back full of holes, and the times when the flak, which he called ack ack, was so thick you could walk on it. He told me of one mission where they got hit quite badly but did manage to make it back. The flak was bad that day and some flak came straight up through the bottom of the cockpit, between the pilot's legs, and took off the pilot's index finger. He said the pilot didn't bleed much because the flak was so hot it seared the flesh. I always noticed the glimmer in his eyes and the pride he spoke with. He sacrificed, he served for a purpose, and he was proud of his country.

In my own experience as a Forward Air Controller with the 1st Armored Division in Desert Storm, I will never forget the absolute knot in my stomach while driving by an destroyed Iraqi tank just after an attack, and smelling the burning rubber of the tracks, the diesel fuel, and the burning flesh. Nor will I forget a few days later on that cold,

windy, desert day, rounding up the hungry, cold, and tired Iraqi soldiers, now prisoners of war, and being able to walk up to one of them and give him a couple MREs, a pair of my wool socks, and a set of my thermal underwear. That my friend is what we in the U.S. are all about. Giving of us for the freedom of our country and the freedom of those who are oppressed by tyrants.

And also the memory of being in Haiti during Operation Restore Democracy, and telling a young Catholic Haitian boy to pray for things would get better. Then to experience the joy and exhilaration when the first aircraft load of relief supplies arrived at Port au Prince, knowing this young Catholic Haitian boy's prayers had been answered. This is what veterans have served for. The giving of themselves so that others can have the hope of freedom and prosperity.

The reason our veterans have served our country and have often made the ultimate sacrifice is **freedom**. They served to protect our freedoms... freedom of speech, freedom to travel about without restriction, our right to bear arms, freedom to worship, and freedom to protest against the government or burn the flag.

My greatest fear today is that we are losing our desire for freedom.... that all we desire is comfort, the new home, the big screen TV, and a shiny new car. I fear that we that we are forgetting what our veterans have been through and why many endured the ultimate sacrifice... death.

What are we to do so that our fallen heroes and veteran's of war did not fight for freedom in vain and that their efforts to preserve our freedom continues to be the rallying point of our great nation? What do we do? What can we do?

- We can fly the flag, not just on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but everyday and **in the proper manner**.
- We can support our local military and veteran's organizations through our participation.
- We can teach our children and

grandchildren, like my grandfather taught me, that war is not a glamorous thing, but it is worth fighting, fighting for our country and our freedom, and that war is not nearly as hideous as those who choose to run away in a time of need instead of serve when they are physically and mentally able.

- We can vote;
- We can become politically active;
- We can show our patriotism and our pride in our nation;
- We can always have hope and we can look for the good and what is right in this country;
- We can stand up and speak out for the principles and values of our country and the reasons behind the sacrifices of our veterans; and
- Lastly and certainly most significantly, we can always remember those who have fought and those who have fallen.

In closing, I would like to read to you an e-mail I received from a patriotic friend in the Air Force.

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows protesters to burn the flag."

Thank you once again for this opportunity and may God bless each one of you and may He continue to bless this great nation.

**May we never forget!**



# 174<sup>th</sup> Life Support Says Thank You

By Tech Sgt. Michele Brody, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Life Support

The 174th Life Support section has faced some interesting challenges over the past year. Along with most other sections on the base, we have met commitments for AEF 5 and prepared for and participated in the Operational Readiness Inspection. Additionally, we have endured ongoing night flying obligations.

Due to some personnel changes and retirements, we have met those challenges with *minimal* manning requirements. We have had to call on our counterparts

for help a number of times, and the response has been remarkable. Therefore, we want to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals and units for their generous help.

Master Sgt. George Adlerz, Tech. Sgt. Raul Solis and Tech. Sgt. Mary Hayes from the 147th FW, Texas ANG (Ellington); Frank Casavant from the 104th FW, Massachusetts ANG (Barnes); and Senior Airman Craig Michael and Senior Airman Jason Deuhr from the 185th FW, Iowa ANG (Sioux

City).

Furthermore, many sections throughout the 174th have continued to lend their support and expertise in a large array of areas. Thank you all very much for the needed help and patience!



Tech. Sgt. Mary Hayes  
from the 147th FW

## What's up with the DoD?

### *Thrift Savings Plan Enrollment Season Coming for Active Duty and Ready Reserve*

Service members will be able to participate in the federal Thrift Savings Plan beginning in October, 2001. The plan will allow service members to invest as much as 5 percent of monthly basic pay or reserve drill pay and the full amount of any bonuses up to a maximum annual contribution of \$10,500. The program is similar to 401(k) investment plans that allow private-sector workers to contribute toward their retirement in tax-free accounts.

Unlike some civilian retirement plans, military participants would not receive any matching funds for their contributions. Military members would be eligible for a 60-day "open season" enrollment window beginning in October.

The Thrift Savings plan is the largest such program in the nation with 2.5 million government employees already enrolled. If the military's 2.3 million active-duty and reserve personnel all decided to participate, enrollment in the plan would nearly double.

### *Raise, Better Benefits Coming*

All military personnel can expect a pay raise, new housing reimbursement rates, and a modest food allowance increase in the New Year. Marine Times reports that every service member (except top-ranking general officers) will receive a 3.7 percent pay hike beginning Jan. 1. Pentagon pay officials were rushing in mid-December to meet deadlines to get the new allowances included in mid-January paychecks. The first military paycheck of 2001 will be credited to accounts on Jan. 12 because the Martin

Luther King, Jr. holiday falls on Jan. 15, the usual mid-month payday.

In addition to the pay hike, targeted pay raises for mid-level noncommissioned officers and petty officers are expected to take effect beginning in July. Every military member who receives a basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) will see a slight increase in that allowance.

Finally, service members living off-post in the United States will see a 12 to 17 percent increase in their basic housing allowance (BAH) in the new year. Air Force Print News reports that the approved fiscal 2001 BAH rates will be posted by Jan. 1 on the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at <http://www.dfas.mil/money/milpay/pay> and the Per Diem Website at <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem>.

## Finance Notes

During this electronic age, there is so much information available to you on the web. If you're planning a TDY and want to know how much it's going to cost, or let's say you get a promotion and you want to figure out your new military pay rate, visiting <http://www.dfas.mil/index.htm> will put you in touch with all the links you need. If you are an AGR and want to get an

estimate of your retired pay, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/> and get an estimate on-line. This site also gives you estimates of how much your Survivor Benefit Plan will cost you. You'll need to have handy, your latest personnel rip, which contains much of the information you'll need to plug into the form. The only date not on the rip that you'll need is your 1405 time, which is

traditional guard/reserve points (up to 60) in a year that you didn't already have 360 active duty days. If you add up all of those points and divide by 30, you can subtract even months only from your Total Active Military Service Date (TAFMSD). If you need assistance in that computation, please contact the Employment/Relocation Section of the MPF at 454-6149 or 454-6172.



# Congressman Walsh Dedicates New Aircraft Shelters

*By 2nd Lt. Jeff Brown, 174<sup>th</sup> FW, Public Affairs Officer*

**T**he Medical Training facility. The Wing Headquarters building. The Air Gunnery Range. The Firehouse. What do all these recently completed construction projects have in common? They were all funded through the leadership of Central New York's Congressman, United States Representative James T. Walsh.

On November 29, 2000, Mr. Walsh visited the base to dedicate the project for which he most recently secured funding: the new aircraft shelters and apron upgrade. The \$9.6 million construction project includes the addition of six aircraft shelters, reconstruction of the upper and lower aprons, a new storm drainage system, a new deicing pad, and the widening of a taxiway to handle large transport aircraft.

"Congressman Walsh has been instrumental in ensuring that the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing has the most up-to-date equipment and infrastructure necessary to effectively carry out our mission," said Col. Robert A. Knauff, 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Commander. "The most recent project will significantly improve the functional capability of the base for all weather operations and enhance our ability to quickly and efficiently load cargo during real world deployments."

In addition to participating in the shelter dedication, Congressman



Congressman Walsh addresses the largest-ever gathering of community leaders at November's COM-REL luncheon.

Walsh spoke at the November Barbara Aronson luncheon. Among other dignitaries present was Maj Gen Archie J. Berberian, New York Air

National Guard Chief of Staff.

The lunch attracted over 140 people, the largest crowd ever, to hear Mr. Walsh speak about a variety of federal issues impacting Central New York. In appreciation for his continuing efforts on behalf of the 174<sup>th</sup>, Col. Knauff presented Mr. Walsh with a framed New York State flag that flew over Prince Sultan Air Base during the unit's recent deployment to Saudi Arabia.

Congressman Walsh was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1988. Prior to that, he served as President of the Syracuse Common Council. A history-major graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Mr. Walsh is a former Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal, Social Services caseworker, and telephone company executive. Mr. Walsh and his wife have three children. They live in the town of Onondaga.



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The Walsh family has a long history of involvement with the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. His father, William F. Walsh, served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1972-78. The Congressman's brother, Bill Walsh, was the 138<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron Commander from 1986-1989. He retired from the unit as the Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations in 1991.

Congressman



Walsh sits on the powerful House Committee on Appropriations. He is one of 13 Chairmen of the Appropriations Subcommittees, a group sometimes referred to in Washington as "the college of cardinals" because of their influence on national spending policies.

Mr. Walsh is chairman of the Subcommittee on the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies. As chair of VA/HUD, the third largest of the 13 appropriations budgets at approximately \$92.5 billion, Mr. Walsh has spending oversight responsibility for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and about a dozen smaller agencies.

Mr. Walsh is also vice chairman of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration. Additionally, and perhaps most important to members of the 174<sup>th</sup>, he is a member of the Subcommittee on Military Construction.

Of particular interest to many in Central New York, Mr. Walsh proudly serves as Chairman of the Friends of Ireland. He also serves as co-chair of the U.S.-Irish Interparliamentary Group.

Despite his long record of accomplishments, Congressman Walsh continues to seek opportunities to assist the 174<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. He is working to secure more modern aircraft for the unit, and he authored legislation to fund such current construction projects as the 152<sup>nd</sup>/274<sup>th</sup> Headquarters building, the Hangar renovation, infrastructure improvements, the AGE shop, the Weapons Release facility, and the Small Arms Firing Range.



Col. Robert Knauff (174th Fighter Wing Commander) assists Mr. Walsh during a ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the unit's new aircraft shelters.



Congressman Walsh is presented with a flag that flew over the sands of Saudi Arabi during the unit's most recent AEF deployment. From Left To Right: U.S. Rep. James T. Walsh, Col. Robert Knauff (174th FW Commander), Col. Paul Richter (Support Group Commander) and John Simmons, Legislative Assistant to Mr. Walsh.



# RECRUITING

Tech. Sgt. Heidi Diaz 454-6532, Tech. Sgt. Richard Doctor 454-6158, Staff Sgt. Brad Addison 454-6241

## The 174<sup>th</sup> Recruiters want YOU!

We hope everyone's holidays were safe and joyous. Now that the new calendar year has started, we have some important information for you. We have been tasked to get the 174 FW up to 100 per cent by the end of the fiscal year (30 Sep 01). When you read this article, we will already be well into the second quarter of the fiscal year. To help meet the required task, later this month the 174<sup>th</sup>

recruiting staff will be implementing the new **part time recruiting force**. Your help is needed in office administration, high school visits, and college career days. Become a member of this exciting new program by contacting the 174<sup>th</sup> recruiting office at **454-6159** or **1-800-883-4484**. The recruiting office wants **YOU** and needs **YOU!**

**Call us today!**

## Scholarships for Military Children

High school students of active duty, reserve component, and retired military members can win scholarship awards worth at least \$1,500 each thanks to the new Scholarships for Military Children program sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) and the Fisher House Foundation.

The American Forces Press Service reports that students need a minimum 3.0 high school grade-point average to apply and must write a short essay on "What Being a Military Dependent

Means to Me." Completed applications and essays must be returned to the student's local commissary before Feb. 15, 2001.

Store officials will validate applications. More than 280 awards totaling over \$400,000 in college money will be presented under the program. Interested students can pick up instructions and applications at commissaries or download them from the DeCA Web site at

<http://www.commissaries.com>.



It was all smiles for two attendees of the 174th Community Relations Office's (CRO) 1st Annual Holiday Celebration. This young man is a member of the Syracuse UMOJA Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol. The 174th CRO opened this past summer.



Loading up! Along with Meredith Lowe of the Salvation Army are L to R: Maj. Carey Merritt, Tech. Sgt. Tim Barrington and Staff Sgt. Brian Gaulke, loading up donations for the recent Salvation Army Food & Gift Drive.



The 174th in full motion with the Annual Salvation Army Food Drive 'drop-off' vehicle during recent holidays.

# Under the Pipper

By Maj. Chris "Tuna" Pelozo, 174th FW, Chief of Squadron and Training Operations

## Just a Phase

Phased Training was first introduced in the 138 FS in Jan 2000 to provide better continuity and training to F-16 pilots. Currently pilots are required to train in the following areas as directed by ACC: Basic Fighter Maneuvers, Air Combat Maneuvers, Tactical Intercepts, Air Combat Tactics, Surface Attack, Close Air Support and Surface Attack Tactics. With all these missions the F-16 is required to do, it became increasingly difficult to be proficient in all areas. The traditional approach would mix mission types during the same period of time. As a result, a Guardsman that came in to fly only 3-5 times a month would probably see a different mission type every time. This made it very difficult for the Guardsmen to receive the required continuity and training to become proficient in a particular mission area. The answer was to implement a flying training program that provided the critical continuity required to maximize the learning process. The main feature of the Phased Training Program is to fly a single mission type over a 3-4 week period. The time proven method for fighter pilot learning has always been to first, receive academics, then go fly what was learned in academics, review lessons learned from that flight during debrief and then go fly it again to solidify the learning process. Phased training allows pilots to receive academics during a drill weekend and then fly only that mission type over the next 3-4 weeks.

Phased training has other benefits. It provides an annual roadmap of what flying will take place over the next year. This allows Intelligence and Weapons to concentrate their training and academics to coincide with the type of flying that will occur. It also benefits maintenance by keeping aircraft configuration changes down to minimum. Aircraft will stay with the same configuration 3-4 weeks at a time. It allows squadron supervision to keep their planning sights well into the future as opposed to

ways reacting to a self-imposed requirement.

The Phased Training Program has already begun to show positive results. The 138 FS received praise from the ACC Stan/Eval and Inspector General teams for its pilot skill and knowledge during their recent visits. The 138th FS recently started the third new cycle of phased training, with each cycle lasting about 6 months. The following outlines the details of the current training cycle:

**Dec 00: Basic Fighter Maneuvers** – This phase consists of traditional one versus one dog fighting. This phase is important to learn how to max perform the airplane and maneuver in relation to another aircraft.

**Jan 01: Air Combat Maneuvers** – This phase teaches pilots the basic maneuvering contracts and communication between two F-16's while engaging another aircraft.

**Jan/Feb 01: Tactical Intercepts** – This phase emphasizes the use of the Air-to-air radar that mounted in the nose cone of every F-16. The goal is to coordinate a flight of F-16's to achieve a radar lock on all enemy aircraft and be in position of tactical advantage as a result of the intercept.

**Feb/Mar 01: Air Combat Tactics** – This phase combines the elements and skills learned in the previous three phases into a realistic go-to-war scenario. The scenario could call for a 4-ship of F-16's to protect airspace, an area of land or other aircraft against attacks from enemy aircraft. This is what the 174 FW was called upon to do during last year's Red Flag and SWA deployments. The 138FS will fight against Otis ANG F-15's and Canadian F/A-18's during this phase to receive dissimilar training.

**Mar/Apr 01: Surface Attack** – This phase concentrates on basic bombing and gunnery skills. Many sorties will be flown to the Ft. Drum Range to drop practice ordnance on the range targets.



Practice employment of the Infrared Maverick missile will also occur during this phase. Practice Laser Guided Bomb employment will also be included when the 174 FW receives its Targeting Pods in a couple years

**Apr 01: Close Air Support** – This phase is a realistic scenario where F-16s practice delivering ordnance in close proximity to friendly ground troops. Because of the high risk of fratricide, the F-16's must coordinate all attacks with ground control elements or airborne controllers before ordnance is dropped. The new 274 ASOS can provide these ground elements and A-10's from Bradley, CT and Barnes, MA can provide the airborne controllers. This phase may also include dropping live or heavy weight ordnance on the Ft Drum impact area.

**May 01: Surface Attack Tactics** – This phase is the F-16 bread and butter go-to-war mission. During this phase, F-16's fight their way through enemy aircraft, Surface-to-Air missile systems and Anti-Aircraft Artillery batteries to destroy their targets with a variety of ordnance. This mission was the primary role of 174 FW F-16s during Desert Storm in 1991.

This cycle will begin again in Jun 01 and continue into Nov 01.



# Annual Children's Christmas Party

By Master Sgt. Terri Scanlin, 174th FW, NCOIC Personnel Employment/Relocation



Plenty of smiles are found at the party: (L to R): Damian Parker, Kira Baum, Jeane Baum and Taylor Robinson, grandchildren of Tech Sgt. Richard Doctor.

The annual Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 17th. Sixty-five children attended the two hour long celebration. The party was held in the 174<sup>th</sup> FW Dining Hall, which was decorated with lights and tinsel. Each table was covered in red and white tablecloths and centerpieces of small Christmas trees and Santa statuettes adorned each table, which were given to each family at the end of the celebration. A new platform and ramp for Santa was built by the Civil Engineer Squadron's carpenter shop. The ramps were covered in rich red carpeting and candy canes decorated the ends of the platform.

The children started arriving at 1300 hours and were greeted by Master Sgt Keith Webb and Senior Airman Suzette Moore. While the children waited for

Santa's arrival, they were entertained with various activities. Some had their face painted by Maj. Kate Vaughan, Senior Master Sgt. Sue Cenci, and Senior Airman Natasha Dykes. Others watched Senior Master Sgt. Lisa Damon and Tech Sgt. Heidi Diaz make animals out of balloons.

A new event for this year was a coloring contest. It was broken down into three age groups. Every contestant received a prize, but the grand prize winners were: Macey Cushman, for the 2 to 4 year old group; Ryan Houghtalen, for the 5 to 7



Enjoying refreshments are Chris Brown and Nara Dykes, daughter of Senior Airman Natasha Dykes.

year old group; and Evan Hirschmugl, for the 8 to 10 year old group. Congratulations to those artistic winners!

Santa arrived by fire truck at 1330 hours. Laura Chrissley, daughter of Jeff Chrissley, escorted Santa into the dining hall. The children were very excited to greet Santa and couldn't wait for the chance to sit upon his lap. Master Sgt. Joe Johnson was master of ceremonies and called the children up to receive their special present. Master Sgt. Judson Maynard took photographs of each child while they visited with Santa. Refreshments of pizza, cupcakes, cookies and chips were served. There were plenty of candy canes to go around too!

Many thanks go out to Santa's helpers: Joey Johnson, Darnell Webb, Vanessa and Justine Foote, Briana Houghtalen and Jamie McCormac. The party would



Santa and his elves: (L to R): Front row: Shannon Foote, Santa, Jamie McCormac, and Briana Houghtalen. Back row: Darnell Webb, Joey Johnson and Vanessa Foote.

not have been a success without the assistance from all our donators: Toys R Us, Chapter 50, the All Services Club, the 174<sup>th</sup> FW Alumni Association, Vella's Market, the Civil Engineering Squadron, the Family Readiness Team, the Cultural Awareness Team, and all the many people who bought raffle tickets and baked goods.

Weeks of hard work went into this celebration...the planning, the shopping, the wrapping and the set-up. I would especially like to thank the following individuals: Staff Sgt. Michele Phelps, Staff Sgt. Kirk Wilson, Tech Sgt. Connie Gifford, Master Sgt. Sam Giamas, Tech Sgt. Brenda Siegel, Master Sgt. Joyce Foote, Master Sgt. Anita Dardis, Master Sgt. Mark Shearer, and those previously mentioned, who worked hard to make this a great success! Thank you all so very much!



Maj. Kate Vaughan paints a design on Felicity Shepard's cheek.



Laura Chrissley helps Santa find his way to the 174<sup>th</sup> FW Dining Facility.



**SATURDAY**

Beef stroganoff  
spiral pasta  
Vegetables  
Fruit Flavored  
Gelatin  
with Topping

**SUNDAY**

Sweet and Sour  
Chicken  
Rice  
peas  
Peach Cobbler

Meal Counters: Report at 1000  
Saturday SG Sunday LG



**February UTA  
Pay Date:**

**21 February 2001**



**Next UTA 10-11 March 2001**

***Finance Notes***

**D**uring this electronic age, there is so much information available to you on the web. If you're planning a TDY and want to know how much it's going to cost, or let's say you get a promotion and you want to figure out your new military pay rate, visiting <http://www.dfas.mil/index.htm> will put you in touch with all the links you need.

If you are an AGR and want to get an estimate of your retired pay, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/> and get an estimate on-line. This site also gives you estimates of how much your Survivor Benefit Plan will cost you. You'll need to have handy your latest personnel record, which contains much of the information you'll need to plug into the form. The only date not on the record that you'll need is your 1405 time, which is traditional guard/reserve points (up to 60) in a year that you didn't already have 360 active duty days. If you add up all of those points and divide by 30, you can subtract even months only from your Total Active Military Service Date (TAFMSD). If you need assistance in that computation, please contact the Employment/Relocation Section of the MPF at 454-6149 or 454-6172.

**INCREASED ATTENTION TO THE  
GOVERNMENT TRAVELCARD**

*By Capt. Charles Hutson, 174th FW, Comptroller*

**B**ank of America (BOA) recently announced an increased crackdown on delinquent government travelcard accounts. Since October of 1998, the bank has written off about \$8 million in bad debt owed by Air Force members. That equates to approximately \$250,000 per month.

Until now, BOA has considered their actions to be lenient. However, in December it announced new actions regarding delinquent accounts. BOA will now suspend delinquent accounts at 60 days, cancel accounts at 120 days, and report to credit bureaus at 181 days if the card balance is still unpaid. Furthermore, BOA is not obligated to renew or re-issue cards to members who have not paid their balances.

Another issue surfaces when members misuse their cards for non-TDY related expenses. Everyone needs to be reminded that using the travelcard, when not on TDY orders, or when not traveling in a "will not commute status" for guard duty, is absolutely not authorized—whether you pay your bill on

time or not. A good rule of thumb is you can use your card if you will be filing a DD 1351-2 travel voucher with Finance.

The best way to pay your travelcard balance is to use the split disbursement option on the travel voucher. When you do that, Finance will send the amount that you indicate directly to BOA and Electronic Funds Transfer the balance of your travel entitlement to your bank.

The unit can truly benefit from the government travelcard program. Last year, the top eleven ANG bases with the lowest travelcard delinquency rates were awarded \$10,000 each in O&M travel funds. That's money that the base definitely needs.

For questions, problems or advice regarding the government travelcard program contact your squadron's agency program coordinator or Senior Master Sgt. Judy Van Wie at 454-6484.

**Have an idea for the the EnGarde? Contact the Public Affairs Office @ 454-6651,  
or e-mail: [jeff.brown@nysyra.af.mil](mailto:jeff.brown@nysyra.af.mil)**

# Want to quit smoking?

By American Cancer Society; Edited by Master Sgt. Cindy M. Crane, 174th FW, NCOIC Dental Services



**I**t is hard to fight any addiction, and smoking is no different. But you can quit! More than 40 million Americans have successfully quit smoking. Call the human resources office where you work; many companies have information about employee cessation programs. A variety of organizations offer information on how to quit and where to go for help. And you can always talk to us when you are getting your physical exam!!

If you want to quit smoking and need help, talk with your health care provider and contact one of the following organizations. They can provide you with current information, advice, and suggestions for beginning the end of your tobacco use.

American Cancer Society  
Telephone: 1-800-ACS-2345  
Internet: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists  
Telephone: 202-638-5577  
Internet: [www.acog.org](http://www.acog.org)

American Heart Association  
Telephone: 800-242-1793 (call center) or 800-242-

1793 or 214-373-6300 (administrative)  
Internet: [www.amhrt.org](http://www.amhrt.org)

American Lung Association  
Telephone: (800) 586-4872 or 212-315-8700  
Internet: [www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

National Cancer Institute  
Cancer Information Service  
Telephone: 800-4-CANCER or 800-422-6237  
Internet: [www.nci.nih.gov](http://www.nci.nih.gov)

National Women's Health Information Center (NWHIC)  
Telephone: 800-994-WOMAN or 800-994-9662  
Internet: [www.4woman.org](http://www.4woman.org)

Nicotine Anonymous  
Telephone: 415-750-0328  
Internet: [www.nicotine-anonymous.org](http://www.nicotine-anonymous.org)

Office on Smoking & Health  
National Center for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion  
Telephone: 770-448-5705  
Internet: [www.cdc.gov/tobacco](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco)

## For Your Information

### *Change in Military Service Academy Nominations*

**R**eserve and National Guard members can now apply to send their sons and daughters to military service academies via Presidential nomination if they have eight or more years of active duty service or have qualified for a non-regular retirement.

The American Forces Press Service reports that the President has the authority to nominate 100 individuals to each of the service academies each year. Previously, only active duty service members were eligible for such nominations. Information on service-connected and Presidential nominations to the U.S. Military Academy is available at:

<http://www.usma.edu/admissions/step2a.asp>.

### *Congress Extends VA Home Loan Guarantees*

**T**he American Forces Press Service reports that Congress has extended two 1992 improvements to the Department of Veterans Affairs Home Loan Guarantee Program that were due to expire in 2001. National Guard and Reserve members can now apply for the program through December 2007.



To be eligible, guardsmen and reservists must have at least six years service in the Guard or Reserve, but they need not be consecutive years. For more information, visit the Department of Veterans Affairs web site at:

<http://www.homeloans.va.gov>.



## Thanksgiving Party

Just about everybody that attended this year's Thanksgiving party agreed that it was an enjoyable occasion. We filled the American Legion Post with around 175 members and guests. Thanks to Bob Musengo, his committee, and a lot of hard work, the event was as successful as we could have hoped for.

This is the second year we have had our party at the General Pulaski American Legion Post, but with the crowds we have had the past couple of years, we may need to move the location again just to accommodate everyone. The buffet was delicious as always. It was your typical Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings. As luck would have it, because we are never certain how many people will attend this affair, we ran out of a couple of minor menu items, and we deeply apologize for that.

Besides spending most of the evening reminiscing about the good old days and bringing each other up to date on what has happened since our last get together, some of the evening's entertainment, included both a 50-50 raffle and turkey raffle. Twenty turkeys, with an average weight of 14 pounds, were raffled off. One person was even lucky enough to win two birds. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and many indicated that they are looking forward to next year's party. If you didn't make it this time, we sincerely hope you will next year.

## Desert Storm

Last month we mentioned that it has been ten years since the call-up for De-

sert Storm. To commemorate that occasion, we have included in this issue of the Alumni News pictures that were taken by one of our deceased members, John Luszc. Unfortunately this picture shows only a few of the individuals that were deployed. We would like to see more, so if you have a picture(s) that you would like to appear in the Alumni News, just send it to Jim Monroe at 114 Blanchard Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209. All pictures will be returned.



PROPULSION SHOP, 1991 Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia. Front Row L-R: Mark Davis, John Hart, Dave Kline, Ed Deaver, Pat Muldoon, Neal Harris. Back Row L-R: Larry Macner, Kevin McCafery, Phil Greenwood, Louie Reese.

## Dues Reminder

We have about 90 members who have yet to renew their membership in the Association. This is not unusual for this time of the year, and is generally just an oversight on the part of the member. However, our Constitution allows only a three-month grace period before a member is no longer considered a member in good standing, and subsequently removed from the membership rolls.

To assist us in reducing our workload and expense, we ask that you take a look at your membership card for the expiration date. If you find you are one of those that is delinquent, please send

in your renewal to the 174<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association Inc., 6001 East Molloy Road, Syracuse, NY 13211-7099. If you cannot find your card, give either Jim Monroe or John Terry a call at (315) 635-5402 or (315) 478-0115 respectively.

## Taps

Norman E. Graves, 79, died at the Oneida City Hospital on Veteran's Day, 11 November 2000. Norm, or Pete as he was called by many of his friends, was a former Commander of the 138<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, and the 174<sup>th</sup> Tactical

Fighter Group. Besides being an Air Technician and Guardsman from September 1949 until November 1976, Pete served with the US Army Air Corps as a combat fighter pilot during World War II, was called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis, and then again during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a life member of our Association since June 1979.

## Sick Call

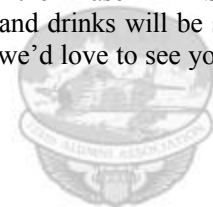
Dave Ryan was recently hospitalized for minor surgery, but is now home recovering.

## New/Reinstated Members

Doug Anthonson, Dick Coughlin, Bill Currier, John Osta, Gary Page, Anthony Pappolardo, Peter Pensa, Randall Richmond, Roxanne Sprague, Gary Stroud, Larry Vollmer, Walt Winter.

## Next Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 2001, at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Snacks and drinks will be served. Come on out, we'd love to see you



# 2001 FISCAL YEAR SCHEDULE 2001

AS OF 01 DEC 2000

OPR: TSgt Greg Giamas

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